

# Socialists Demand Kaiser's Terms of Peace

## FIRE AND BLOW-UP NEW 'ACCIDENTS' AT DU PONT MILLS

Tower Wrecked at Carney's Point, N. J.—Blaze Endangers the Plant.

## CAR TRACK TORN UP; SUSPECT CAPTURED

Employees Terrorized, but Officials Decline Federal Aid—Police Helpless.

[From a Staff Correspondent of The Tribune.]  
Wilmington, Del., Dec. 1.—This city is beginning to feel the grip of a reign of terror. The explosion, with its toll of thirty-one dead and six injured, was rivaled to-day by a series of mysterious happenings, which have struck terror into the hearts of the du Pont Powder Company employees.  
Soon after midnight a fire was discovered in a structure a few yards from a powder mill in Lower Hagley Yard. This was followed by an explosion at Carney's Point, N. J., which ripped to pieces a three story building tower early this morning.  
The car track leading to Upper Hagley yard was evidently dynamited late this afternoon, resulting in the partial wreck of a streetcar. Half an hour later a man about whose body was wrapped sixty-five feet of fuse was captured by county detectives and held for investigation.

Du Pont Officials Guilty.  
Detectives have been stationed about the massive du Pont office building in Market Street. Police in plain clothes are watching the home of officials of the company. The guard about the plant has been tripled, with orders to shoot any person who should attempt to force a way through. All roads leading to the plant have been closed for distances varying from half a mile to a mile and a half. Secret Service men, it is reported, by order of President Wilson, have already arrived.  
In addition, the Department of Justice sent its agents to-day to conduct an investigation into the persistent reports that placards warning of the danger of employment in the mills had been nailed to trees and telegraph poles along the Salem Turnpike and at Carney's Point, on the opposite side of the river, where 21,000 men are employed in the manufacture of powder for the Allies.

Assistant Attorney General Warren announced to-day that the Department of Justice would cooperate with the state authorities in an effort to ascertain the causes of the explosion and the persons responsible. This announcement did not meet with the unqualified approval of Pierre du Pont, president of the company. To the suggestion that an investigation by the national government should be immediately started, Mr. du Pont to-day returned the answer: "Hands off."  
Ex-Representative Charles B. Landis, an official of the company, told The Tribune reporter to-day that should the Department of Justice start such an investigation its agents would meet with a frigid reception from the representatives of the powder company.

"We want no outside interference," he said. "We can handle this situation very well ourselves. We have an excellent police system, and the explosion should not be made the basis of a government investigation. Explosions and accidents are integral parts of the manufacture of powder."

## Blaze Another Mystery.

But the du Pont police system, with Major Sylvester, ex-superintendent of police of Washington, D. C., at its head, is absolutely helpless in the face of the new "accidents." Following the explosion, with its ghastly results, of yesterday afternoon, one of the buildings in lower Hagley yard was fired shortly after dark by another one of those mysterious causes baffling du Pont officials. No general alarm was sent out, but a force of trusted men was ordered to fight the flames with chemicals and extinguishers.

The fact that several powder mills were only a few yards away increased the difficulty in overcoming the fire. The building was destroyed. This morning one of the mills at the Carney's Point plant of the du Pont Company was destroyed by fire. The building was a three story blending house, and the workmen with great haste fled to safety. The explosion could be easily seen from Wilmington, and as it shot into the air an outcry was raised in the city. A large number of men immediately left the scene of the explosion. Several thousand pounds of blending powder was destroyed.

Coming right after the explosion and fire in the Hagley yards, a feeling of horror. Several hundred of the employees did not report for duty this morning. Up to the minute the afternoon papers appeared in the street with a full story of the blowup the telephones in the offices of the various publications were kept busy accounting for the safety of a father, a brother or son. The only explanation offered by the company was that such fires were incidental to the business of making powder and that the explosion at Carney's Point was "merely accidental."

Think Rail Was Dynamited.  
The third incident occurred soon after 3 this afternoon. The 7 o'clock shift is relieved at that time, and there, as a rule, half a dozen dozen streetcars waiting to take the men from the outskirts of the plant to the city.

## \$50,000 Worth of Old Masters Were Pawned for 20 Beers

Detectives Find Stolen Metropolitan Paintings in Park Avenue Studio—Suspect Thirsty "Rummy" with Bad Eye for Art, Looted Exhibition.

Marcel Rougeron was contemplating a half-finished sunset yesterday, when two large men, who looked neither like brother artists nor wealthy collectors, thumped into his studio, at 94 Park Avenue.  
"You've got a couple of paintings we want to look at," announced one of the visitors.  
M. Rougeron waved his hand toward the easel that held the sunset.  
"Nope," said the larger person; "that's too new. The paint's been dry for two or three hundred years on the ones we're interested in. One's a picture of a saint—an old-timer—the other shows a lot of pigs being sectioned off."

"Ah!" cried M. Rougeron, his face brightening. "It is to 'The Tippler' and 'The Hog Market' you refer, doubtless. May I ask, please, who you are that you are so interested?"  
"Sure you can," said the caller, cheerfully. "I'm from the Central Office—a detective—and I want to take the pictures back there with me. They're stolen property."  
Two minutes later M. Rougeron was wringing his hands as he gazed at his sunset with unseeing eyes; Detective George McGann was on his way downtown with two little, old paintings tucked irreverently under his arm, and the case of the Strange Disappearance of the Old Masters had been removed from the realm of mystery.

The canvases were none other than those from the brushes of the seventeenth century painters, Frans Van Mieris and Barend Gae, which were stolen early last summer on the opening day of the Municipal Art Society's exhibition at the Washington Irving High School.  
For months news of the theft was suppressed, but when it finally leaked out a few days ago, Messrs. Van Mieris and Gae came in for a measure of

## ANGIER B. DUKE HAS HEIR Son Born to Couple at Fifth Avenue Home.

Mr. and Mrs. Angier B. Duke were receiving congratulations yesterday on the birth of a son on Tuesday. Mrs. Duke was formerly Miss Cordelia Biddle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony J. Drexel Biddle, of Philadelphia. She and Angier B. Duke, son of Benjamin N. Duke, of New York, former treasurer of the American Tobacco Company, were married at Holy Trinity Church, Philadelphia, on April 28 of this year.

The new heir to the combined fortunes of the Duke and Biddle families was born at the Duke home, at 1009 Fifth Avenue. Mrs. Duke's mother and father are in town, staying at the Fifth Avenue house.  
At her wedding Mrs. Duke received, among other gifts, jewels valued at \$200,000, including a pearl necklace from her mother and father worth \$75,000 and a diamond necklace from her husband worth \$25,000. Prior to her wedding she was at times reported engaged to Prince Ludovic Pignatelli D'Arango, but this was promptly denied.

## RICH COUPLE ADOPT TWO LITTLE WAIFS

Girls, Four and Six, Escape Life of Poverty.

Two more instances of children born to poverty being adopted into wealthy homes were revealed yesterday by an order of Surrogate Fowler, permitting the adoption of two girls by Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Drexel Godfrey, of 640 Park Avenue.  
One of the children, who is now a part of the Murray Hill household, is an English tot, four years old. She was abandoned in a London clinic by her mother after her father had disappeared.

The other is of New England stock. She is six years old. Her mother died and her father was unable to care for her. But it was a lonesome life for Cora, which was the name of the Boston girl, without a playmate in her new home. That is why the Godfreys obtained a foster state for her. Now all, including this foster parent, are happy.  
Mr. Godfrey has offices at 16 William Street, and is a member of several clubs.

## DR. EATON'S TREES RAIDED

Timber Felled to Widen Road While Freacher Preaches.

Plainfield, N. J., Dec. 1.—Twenty-five trees and a large section of a hedge on the estate of Dr. Charles A. Eaton, pastor of the Madison Avenue Baptist Church, New York, were cut down by a gang of laborers this morning before Judge William A. Coddington put a stop to the devastation. The men were employed by the North Plainfield Township Committee to widen the roadway.  
The work was begun early in the morning. Dr. Eaton remonstrated with the laborers, and at the same time sent for Judge Coddington. A respite was ordered, and the matter will be taken to the Court of Chancery in Trenton to-morrow.

## WAR PROSPERITY UNSTABLE BASIS, SAYS VANDERLIP

Advices U. S. Business To Be Independent of Present Orders.

## BENEVOLENT DESPOT NEEDED BY NATION

No Man Need Remain Idle Here for Years to Come, Declares Financier.

Frank A. Vanderlip, president of the National City Bank, declared yesterday that the United States must become independent of war prosperity as quickly as possible. With solid Yankee prosperity as a base, American business men can build up an immense world trade. He spoke before 300 members of the American Association of Woolen and Worsted Manufacturers at the Waldorf-Astoria.  
"A great stimulation to the industries of this country has been the war," he admitted. "The wheels have started, the dead inertia has been overcome and to-day the business machine is running at a speed and with a power never exceeded, but we must now become independent of war business."  
"If conditions can be created that will give confidence to capital, so that the owners of it will be disposed to invest it freely, both in internal development and in granting external credits which in turn react favorably upon our industries, we will become quite independent of war orders," he added.

It was fortunate, the City Bank head declared, that this country was of widely diversified resources. Its products and industries are so well balanced that they are more nearly more mutually supporting than those of any other country, he declared.  
Real Start of Good Times.  
"When we are doing the amount of construction which our national growth requires we have good times generated within our borders with little help from abroad, and that is the position we want to get into now," said Mr. Vanderlip.  
That this country scarcely comprehends its wealth and that if investors were given such confidence in the security and profitability of investments offered them that they would put their capital resources into active productive work, then the total would meet every demand that might be foreseen, was the speaker's opinion. He continued:  
There has been a demonstration to the world in the last fifteen months of the wonderful extent of credit when the people are aroused and in earnest. We have seen unheard of sums raised with apparent ease. If Great Britain and Germany can raise approximately \$6,000,000,000 in fifteen months for war purposes, what could the United States for its own progress and to support the progress of the world in this time of universal calamity raise, if a spirit of unity and high purposes could direct its action?"

To the woolen and worsted manufacturers Mr. Vanderlip outlined a picture of this country, if a wise and benevolent despot, who would threaten no existing industry, who would find a way to deal with practical acts in a most costly manner, who would demand efficiency from but allow the transportation interests reasonable profits and in other ways stimulate business, were to direct it for a few years. He admitted that the affable idea was purely imaginary, but what would be better, he declared, would be the direction of our political affairs and the conduct of our industrial and commercial life by individuals of wisdom and benevolence.

## "United We Stand."

"We have a motto in this country, holding that: 'United we stand; divided we fall.' The banker declared. "That is just as true in industrial and commercial affairs as in political life. The efforts that have been made to enforce competition have been without any real success. Lawmakers in seeking to cure unfair practices, which form but a fraction of a per cent of the total business, have hampered all business in a most costly manner. We have paid a tax to this theory of enforced competition that might almost be compared to the cost of some of the belligerent nations, and that tax has been laid upon all of us."  
"Prosperity is to be found, not in the deceptive profits of the stock market," Mr. Vanderlip said, "not in higher prices for things we buy and sell to each other, nor in higher wages which must in turn be offset by higher prices, but in a greater production of goods at a low cost."

"The whole world is looking expectantly to us."

Continued on page 3, column 4

## BRYAN, IN DOUBT, WILL MEET FORD HERE TO-MORROW

Ex-Secretary May Sail on Peace Ship After Going Over the Lists.

## FILM MEN WELCOME; ALSO PHOTOGRAPHERS

Governor of North Dakota to Go—Alton B. Parker Calls Ford a "Clown."

"Bryan is coming," was the flash at Ford's Ark headquarters at the Biltmore yesterday afternoon, after the receipt of a second telegram from the former Secretary of State, but the momentous question as to whether Bryan is going still remains unanswered. Bryan is coming, it developed, only from Miami, Florida, to New York, to confer to-morrow with Henry Ford, who is due to arrive this morning.  
"I shall arrive about two, Friday afternoon," the message read, "for a conference with Mr. Ford. Expect to join party later at The Hague."  
Rumor has it that Colonel Bryan will examine the passenger list of the Ark and then decide whether he shall merely watch the delegates go in, two by two, on Saturday, or pack his portmanteau and mount the cleared gangway himself. Not until after the conference to-morrow will the waiting world know whether the ex-Secretary will sail on the Oscar II or pick up the expedition later at The Hague, just as John K. Peace is getting into his stride.

Henry Ford left Detroit at 6:10 o'clock last night, and is due to reach New York at 9:30 this morning. In his party are Mrs. Ford, their son Edsel, Dean Samuel S. Marquis, William Livingstone and Theodore Delavan. Ford's new personal peace commissioner. Mrs. Ford is undecided as yet whether she will take the trip or not.

## Awaits Pope's Answer.

An answer to Ford's cable message to the Pope is being eagerly awaited at the local headquarters, as it is felt that a favorable reply would strengthen the expedition considerably. The message, sent on Tuesday night, read:  
"Realizing the high and holy interest which you, as supreme Pontiff of the Church, have taken in ending the present carnage, may I announce to you the peace mission on which we are approaching Europe? Believing this is a world situation, in which international forces must cooperate, we have planned a conference of neutrals to adopt means of action for ending the most frightful war in history."  
"For fifteen months the people of the world have waited for governments to act. Meanwhile millions of men are on the battlefields dead. Humanity owes it to the millions more who are led like cattle to the slaughter to prevent the slaughter. If the Christianity of our boasted twentieth century stands for principles the great Prince of Peace enunciated, this can be accomplished."  
"There is no nation that has not declared it does not want war. At heart there is no nation that at heart does not ardently long for peace. But if warring nations cannot find it, neutral nations must arrange a way. We therefore plan a mediating conference. Men and women from America who believe in international disarmament are sailing in the peace ship Oscar II, leaving New York December 4."

The delegation will proceed to Christiania, where Norway's valiant sons and daughters will join the crusade. In Stockholm the ship's company will be reinforced by the choicest of Sweden's people. The crusade will go to Copenhagen and proceed to the Hague where we hope to meet delegations from Switzerland and Spain. From among the gathering will be selected delegates to sit in an international conference in terms of peace and present them to the belligerent governments.

## Congratulations Are Received.

Considerable elation was caused at the local headquarters yesterday over the receipt of two letters, one from Dr. Paul Ritter, Minister to the United States from Switzerland, and the other from H. N. Bryn, Minister from Norway. The former was in reply to a telegram sent to Dr. Ritter by Mr. Ford to be forwarded to his government. It read:  
"We have received your telegram intended for the Bundesrat, and it has been forwarded to the Bundesrat."

## Rumania Still Uncertain.

In Southeastern Serbia, where the British, French and Serbians hold strong positions, the snow still prevents any movements of importance. No news has been received of the Austrians and Germans who proceeded to Rostchuk, on the Danube River, to cooperate with the Bulgarians and Turks to oppose a possible Russian invasion through Rumania.

The attitude of Rumania is still uncertain. The latest reports say that she, like Greece, is trying to remain neutral, but with two belligerent armies on her borders it is believed this may prove difficult.  
Greece in her reply to the latest note of the Entente Allies insists upon the maintenance of her neutrality and independence, and a final settlement of the points at issue between the Hellenic kingdom and the Entente powers is not yet in sight. Greece objects, according to dispatches from Athens, to the evacuation of Salonica by her troops, the handing over of the railways to the Entente Allies and the policing of her navy by the Entente powers. In the evacuation of Salonica by her troops, the handing over of the railways to the Entente Allies and the policing of her navy by the Entente powers. In the evacuation of Salonica by her troops, the handing over of the railways to the Entente Allies and the policing of her navy by the Entente powers.

## KING GEORGE OUT AGAIN

Leaves Palace for First Time to Celebrate Mother's Birthday.

[By Cable to The Tribune.]  
London, Dec. 1.—This being Queen Alexandra's birthday, the Queen, Princess Mary, Prince Albert and King George drove to Marlborough House, where the King had luncheon with his mother.  
Aside from the short time yesterday in the palace garden in his wheel chair, this is the first time the King has been outdoors since he was injured while reviewing his troops in France.

## BRITAIN ASKS PASSPORTS

Will Require Them of All Persons Leaving the Country.

London, Dec. 1.—It is officially announced that an order in council issued yesterday requires that in all ordinary cases of persons going abroad, British or alien, passports will be required.

Continued on page 7, column 4

## Berlin Press Urges That Question Be Answered.

## VIENNA PEACE MOVE CHECKED

## Kaiser Forced Out Cabinet Officers Who Favored Pact with Italy.

London, Dec. 2.—Close on the announcement that three Austrian Cabinet ministers—advocates of a separate peace, Amsterdam dispatches say—have resigned, comes news from Berlin that the Socialists have begun a new agitation for peace.

The "Vorwaerts," the Socialist organ, announces that the Social Democrats in the Reichstag have determined to put the following interpellation in a body at the next session:  
"Is the Imperial Chancellor ready to give information as to the conditions under which he would be willing to enter into peace negotiations?"

Herr Scheidemann, leader of the party, will put the question, and Herr Landsberg has been chosen to debate. A more detailed and searching inquiry as to the government's attitude respecting peace was defeated by the Social Democrats by a vote of 58 to 48.

The "Vorwaerts," commenting on the subject, says: "What we demand is a definite expression on the Social Democrats' peace demands and a clear answer from the government."

## Asks for Peace Terms.

The Berlin "Lokal Anzeiger" says that Dr. Karl Liebknecht, one of the Socialist leaders, sent ten interpellations to the Reichstag, of which three were censured by the Reichstag.

"He wants to know," says the newspaper, "whether the government is prepared to enter immediately into peace negotiations, whether the government will lay before the nation the history of the entry into Luxembourg and Belgium, whether the government will abandon secret diplomacy in favor of lasting control by the public, and whether it will check economic distress among the great masses of the population and seriously begin in the course of the present session of the Reichstag a reorganization of its internal policy."

Persons in Holland who recently have maintained that some sort of peace negotiations actually were under way in Germany and that a sudden peace was among the possibilities, are pointing to an editorial in the Berlin "Vorwaerts" as lending strength to their arguments, says an Amsterdam dispatch.

The editorial in question quarrels with the German censor for refusing to allow a discussion of peace in the newspapers and declares that it is certain most important facts are being suppressed.

## A Storm May Arise.

"It is necessary at this time," says the editorial, "to discuss the possibilities of peace, because if peace comes suddenly a storm may arise for which only the diplomats and statesmen can be blamed. Public opinion will not tolerate peace without knowledge."

The earlier announcement of the withdrawal of three members from the Vienna Cabinet is confirmed by an autograph letter from Emperor Francis Joseph.

Coming so soon after Emperor William's visit to the Austrian capital, this announcement has encouraged some speculation here. Britain formed a coalition government last May, when war required greater harmony. France followed her example, and the Russian ministry has been wracked with changes. But until now the cabinets of the Central Powers have remained intact.

What led to the discord is assumed in most quarters here to have been the disposition among some Austrians to obtain a separate peace through the intervention of Pope Benedict. The Kaiser, these reports have it, having been informed that the agitation was gaining headway, decided to go himself to Vienna and

Continued on page 4, column 3

## Superfluous Women

How is the British Empire to be restocked after the great war has taken its toll of manhood? What part will the single women, whose preponderance in numbers over the men will soon be alarmingly great, be called on to play?

Cosmo Hamilton, the English novelist and critic, gives in next Sunday's Tribune a frank exposition of the great problem now being seriously discussed in England. You will want to read it for the surprising opinions it expresses. Speak to your news-dealer to-day.

## The Sunday Tribune

First to Last—The Truth: News-Editorials—Advertisements

The daily circulation of The Tribune exceeds 100,000 copies—non-returnable, net.